

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1899.

The Senate met at 4 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Dimick,	Palmer of 14th,
Messrs. Baker,	Fuller,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Harris,	Roberts,
Broome,	Hendley,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Sams,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Williams,
Crill,	McLin,	Wilson,
Crosby,	Myers,	
Denham,	O'Brien,	

Answering roll-call—31.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Williams moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be excused until Monday next.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crosby asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Crosby was excused.

Mr. Chaires asked to be excused until Monday next.

Mr. Chaires was excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Adams introduced the following resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19:

Concurrent resolution fixing the time for the adjournment of the Legislature.

Whereas, It is believed that all needed legislation that will come before the present Legislature can be duly considered and enacted by the 15th day of May, A. D., 1899; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature adjourn sine die May 15th, A. D., 1899.

Which was laid over under the rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 112:

A bill to be entitled an act to appropriate \$20,000 to be used for the payment for the buildings, fumigating plants, wharves, and other property, including boats, of the Escambia County Board of Health, and to have title to the same confirmed in the State of Florida for the use of the State Board of Health;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. O'Brien:

Senate Bill No. 113:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of life certificates of the first grade to teachers in the public schools of Florida under certain conditions.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Chaires:

Senate Bill No. 114:

A bill to be entitled an act for the propagation and preservation of pheasants and grouse.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Game.

By Mr. Chaires:

Senate Bill No. 115:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2, Chapter 4120, of the Laws of Florida, being an act to prescribe the compensation to be paid jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of this State, approved May 3, 1893.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Blich (By request):

Senate Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joan E. King, ex-Tax Collector of Citrus County, Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Harris:

Senate Bill No. 117:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George W. Reynolds, ex-Tax Collector for the County of Monroe, State of Florida.

Which was read the first by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Special Committee on Visiting Various State Institutions, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 13, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Dear Sir—Your Committee appointed to report the best and most economical method of visiting the various State institutions, convict camps, and canals, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That no Committee shall consist of but three members, one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House.
2. That no committee shall have any clerk, except the Committee to visit and examine the convict camps. Believing, as we do, that a thorough examination of the treatment, care and condition of the prisoners should be made, we recommend that they be allowed one clerk, who should be a stenographer.
3. That only five committees should be appointed, as follows:-

One committee to investigate all convict camps, and to be empowered to employ one clerk, and also to send for papers and persons, that a thorough and complete investigation can be made.

4. That one and the same committee shall visit the State schools at Lake City, Bartow and Gainesville.

5. That one and the same committee shall visit the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute at St. Augustine, and also inspect the canals, dug and now under construction by the Florida East Coast Drainage Company.

6. That one and the same committee shall visit the State Normal School at DeFuniak, the Insane Asylum at Chattahoochee, and the State Reformatory at Marianna.

7. That one and the same committee shall visit the white and colored schools located in Tallahassee and supported by State appropriations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. WATSON,

J. N. WHITNER,

W. K. JACKSON,

L. J. REEVES,

B. E. McLIN, Chairman.

Mr. McLin moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved as a substitute that this report lay on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Denham, Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,
Tallahassee, Fla., April 20, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on State Affairs to whom was referred—

Senate Memorial No. 106:

A memorial to the Congress of the United States requesting an appropriation for the construction of a lighthouse at or near Hillsborough Inlet on the East Coast of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

JAS. S. DENHAM,

Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Memorial No. 106, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

BILLS ON SECOND READING.

House Memorial No. 41:

To the Congress of the United States, asking that pensions be granted to the survivors of the Indian wars in Florida from 1842 to 1858, and the widows of those who have died.

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Fuller moved that Senate Bill No. 52, now on table subject to call, and which had been previously read a second time, be taken up and now considered;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix a penalty for willful and malicious injuries to dams.

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 11th, moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 52 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Mr. Reeves moved that Senate Bill No. 52, now upon its third reading, be put back upon its second reading for amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 52 was placed back upon its second reading.

House Bill No. 55:

To be entitled an act making appropriations for military expenses incurred by the State during the war with Spain.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 55 was placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the powers, rights, privileges and grants of the Atlantic and Gulf Railway company.

Was taken up and read a second time in full, together with amendment proposed by the Committee on Railroads as follows:

Strike out figures "1903" in the last line of Section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "1901."

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the committee amendment.

Which was agreed to,

And Senate Bill No. 85, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 50:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 50 was ordered referred to Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act permitting parties to suits or their attorneys to examine jurors on their Voir Dire.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And House Bill No. 19 was ordered placed on Calendar of bills on third reading.

Senate Bill No. 91:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of bicycle paths, and to provide penalties for trespass thereon.

Was taken up and read a second time in full and on motion of Mr. Palmer of 14th, was passed informally and ordered to remain on second reading.

Senate Bill No. 3:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons, and the manufacture and sale of slung shots and metallic knuckles, providing a penalty therefor, and to repeal Chapter 4124, Acts of 1893, relating to the carrying of concealed weapons.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 3 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 26:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2421, Chapter 3, Article 5, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relative to carrying of concealed weapons.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 26 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senate Bill No. 48:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the carrying of firearms and other weapons.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And Senate Bill No. 48 was ordered referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 40:

To be entitled an act to prevent habitual drunkards or persons addicted to the use of opium, chloral, cocaine or any of their preparations, or any drug or substance calculated to deprive a person of his reason, from practicing medicine, surgery or obstetrics in the State of Florida.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 40 was passed over informally at the request of Mr. Crill.

Senate Bill No. 87:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 2479 and 2480, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the forgery of certain instruments and uttering same.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th, moved that Senate Bill No. 87 be indefinitely postponed;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 982, Chapter 6, Article 1, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to infants, lunatics, etc.

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Sams moved that Senate Bill No. 92 be laid on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 27:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4382, Laws of Florida, being an act to increase the criminal jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in counties where County Courts have not been established.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 27 was placed on Calendar of Bills on third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

House Memorial No. 2:

To Commissioner of Agriculture of the United States, asking that certain experiments required in the interest of cattle owners in certain districts in this State receive attention by the Department of Agriculture of the United States.

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that House Memorial No. 2 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Memorial No. 2 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the memorial the vote was:

Yeas—	Dimick,	Fuller,
Mr. President,	Gaillard,	O'Brien,
Messrs. Barber,	Harris,	Palmer of 14th,
Blitch,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Broome,	Hooker,	Sams,
Bynum,	McCaskill,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	McCreary,	Wilson—24.
Crill,	McLin,	
Denham,	Myers,	

Nays—None.

So the memorial passed, title as stated.

Mr. Reeves asked to be excused until Tuesday next.

Mr. Reeves was excused.

Mr. Harris moved:

That the Senate adjourn until 11 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until Friday at 11 o'clock.